



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD PROPOSED DRAFT CLOSURE PLAN FOR RANGE 36A

FORMER FORT ORD
MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: October 7, 2005 to November 7, 2005

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the proposed Draft Closure Plan for Range 36A at the Former Fort Ord. The public is also invited to review and comment on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration explains DTSC's proposed decision that the project will not have a significant negative impact on the environment.

BACKGROUND

The Range 36A was an interim status hazardous waste Open Burn/Open Detonation (OB/OD) unit. The OB/OD units were designated to treat unserviceable, obsolete, and/or waste munitions and explosives of concern (MEC), which include unexploded ordnance (UXO). Range 36A was used by the United States Army for disposing of commercial explosives and military ordnance and ammunition from the 1940s through October of 1992. From January of 1994 to January of 1995, the range was reactivated to dispose of unexploded ordnance (UXO) found elsewhere on the base during cleanup operations. Range 36A is an approximately 200-foot by 400-foot area, or 1.8 acres of land. This site is located within the Impact Area of the Former Fort Ord adjacent to Impossible Canyon Road. The site is currently owned by the Army and managed by the United States Bureau of Land Management.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Interested parties have the opportunity to provide their comments to DTSC regarding the Draft Closure Plan for Range 36A and the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration during the thirty (30) day public comment period which begins on October 7, 2005, and ends on November 7, 2005. Your participation is encouraged. Comments must be submitted in writing to **Mr. Paul Ruffin, Hazardous Substances Engineer, DTSC, 8800 Cal Center, Sacramento, CA 95826, or e-mailed to pruffin@dtsc.ca.gov**. DTSC will consider holding a public meeting or hearing if sufficient interest is expressed. To request a public hearing (by November 7, 2005) or be placed on the former Fort Ord mailing list, contact **Ms. Kris Escarda, Public Participation Specialist, Department of Toxic Substances Control, at (916) 255-6683, kescarda@dtsc.ca.gov**.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

For further information regarding the Draft Closure Plan for Range 36A and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, please contact **Mr. Paul Ruffin, Hazardous Substances Engineer, at (916) 255-6677 or PRuffin@dtsc.ca.gov**. You can review the Draft Closure Plan for Range 36A, the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, and related documents at the information repositories listed below:

Fort Ord Administrative Record

Presidio of Monterey Annex
Building 4463 Gigling Road
Ord Military Community, CA 93944
(831) 393-9186

Seaside Library

550 Harcourt Avenue
Seaside, CA 93955
(831) 899-2537

California State University

Monterey Bay Library
Building 12, Third Street
Seaside, CA 93955
(831) 582-3733

The Draft Closure Plan for 36A is available online at www.fortordcleanup.com. The Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and a fact sheet entitled Former Fort Ord Draft Closure Plan, Range 36A are posted online at www.dtsc.ca.gov.

The full Administrative Record for this project is available for review at: **Department of Toxic Substances Control, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826. Contact Ms. Bobbi Jensen at (916) 255-3779 for an appointment.**

For media inquiries, please contact **Mr. Ron Baker, DTSC Public Information Officer II, at (916) 324-3142 or rbaker@dtsc.ca.gov**.

Notice To The Hearing Impaired

You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Ask them to contact Kris Escarda at (916) 255-6683 regarding the former Fort Ord.

For additional information regarding DTSC please visit our web site at www.dtsc.ca.gov.